AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- 1. (Amended) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session, the voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said distributed system comprising:
 - a client device constituting an originating point of the voice communication session;
 - a plurality of servers capable to be placed in a data communicative relationship with said client device, each server being capable to establishing a data exchange transaction with the client device to execute a certain function of the voice communication session, each server being characterized in that it establishes a data exchange transaction with said client device in a manner autonomous from a data exchange transaction between said client device and a different server.
- 2. (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session as defined in claim 1, wherein each server includes a computing apparatus.

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3. (Original) A distributed system for establishing a voice communication session as defined

in claim 2, wherein said computing apparatus includes a processor in a data communicative

relationship with a memory, said memory including a program element executed by said processor

to implement an event of the communication session.

4. (Original) A private branch exchange network to permit establishing of internal and

external voice communication sessions, each voice communication session being established by

executing a series of functions, said private branch exchange network including:

- a plurality of servers in a data communicative relationship, each server capable of

interacting autonomously from other servers with telephone instruments connected

to said network to execute a certain function of a voice communication session;

said plurality of servers including a PSTN access server to connect said network and

the PSTN for establishment of external voice communication sessions.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

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7. (Amended) A method for establishing a voice communication session, the voice communication session being established by executing a series of functions, said method comprising:

- providing a client device at which the communication session originates;

- providing a plurality of servers, each server being capable to interact with said client device to execute a certain function of the <u>voice</u> communication session; and

establishing a plurality of autonomous data exchange transactions between said client device and said servers to execute a series of functions permitting establishment of [[a]] the voice communication session.

- 8. (Original) A method as defined in claim 7, wherein the establishment of a data exchange transaction between said client device and a server comprises the exchange of data packets between said client device and the server.
- 9. (Original) A method as defined in claim 8, wherein said data packets are IP data packets.